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SUBJ: MININT ANNOUNCES DETENTION OF ILP PLOTTERS

SUMMARY: OINIT HAS ANNOUNCED ROUND-UP OF SECRET ILP CADRE ACCUSED OF SUBVERSIVE EXPLOITATION OF ISLAM AND OF EGYPT AT DIRECTION OF "FOREIGN CAPTIAL"(I.E. , TRIPOLI). MUSA SBARI EDITORIAL ON SAME SUBJECT RAISES LEVEL OF ANTI-LIBYAN PRESS CAMPAIGN ONCE AGAIN. END SUMMARY.

1. ADDRESSING ASU COMMITTEE OF SECRETARIES JUNE 20, DEP PM AND MININT MAMDUH SALIM ANNOUNCED DETENTION OF ISLAMIC LIBERATION PARTY(ILP) PLOTTERS IN EGYPT. ALL ARABIC LANGUAGE PAPERS FEATURE STORY.

2. ACCORINDG TO PRESS REPORTS, SALIM RECALLED ILP WAS FOUNDED BY TAQI AL-DIN NABAHANI IN JORDAN IN 1950-51. ACCORDING TT GUMHUIYYA, HE SAID ILP IS KNOWN FOR CONNECTION WITH "A CERTAIN"FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY; AHARAM QUOTES HIM AS
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SAYING "SOME FOREIGN INTELLEIGENCE SERVICES." PARTY'S EFFORT

TT ESTABLISH SECRET BRANCH IN EGYPT IN 1955 WAS FOILED BY
GOE SECURITY, AND ILP LOST ITS "ARAB BASE" WHEN EXPELLED FROM
JORDAN IN 19169. SALIM SAID MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN
EGYPT AND LARGE QUANTITY OF LEAFLETS AND BLACK FLAGS PRINTED
WITH LEGEND "THERE IS NO GOD BU GOD" HAVE BEEN SEIZED . PUBLICT
PROSECUTOR WILL ISSUE STATMENT UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION.
SALIM STRESSED ILP HAD USED RELIGION AS COVER FOR SUBVERSION.
ACCORDING TO FUMHURIYYA, SALIM ALSO SAID ILP REJECTS "SETTLEMENT
OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM".

3. IN INTERESTING ADMISSION OF EGYPT'S SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS,
SALIM SAID NATIONL SECURITY IS CLOSELY RELATED TO POLITICAL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECURITY. HE POINTED TO HIGH COST OF LIVING,
TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING PROBLEMS, IMPLYING THAT WHEN THESE
BURDENS ARE EASED, SUBVERSIVES WILL BE LESS ABLE TO EXPLOIT
DOMESTIC ISSUES.

4. AFTER TOUCHING ON ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY,
SALIM SAID RECENT SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS EXPLOITING ISLAM ARE
DIRECTED FROM ABROAD. ENEMIES OF "SCIENCE AND FAITH" (SADAT'S
PET APHORISM) EXPLOIT RELIGION FOR PARTISN PURPOSES. AKHBAR
SAYS SALIM BASED HIS ACCUSATION ON "DOCUMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS".

5. IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JUNE 21 AKHBAR CHIEF EDITOR MUSA
SABRI, THOUGH NOT IDENTIFYING LIBYA AS CULPRIT, UNMISTAKABLY
POINTS FINGER OF GUILT IN THAT DIRECTION. "AN ARAB
CAPITAL", HE CHARGES, SEEKS THROUGH SABOTAGE AND ASSASSINATIONS
TO CANCEL GLORY OF OCOTOBER 6.

6. COMMENT: MID-MAY ARREST OF LARGE NUMBER, PERHAPS AS MANY AS
100, EGYPTIANS ENGAGED IN DISTRIBUTING SUBVERSIVE, RADICAL RIGHTIST
LITERATURE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE COMMENT IN CAIRO,
BUT HAS RECEIVED NO MENTION IN LOCAL PRESS. ILP WAS WIDELY
BELIEVED TO BE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND GROUP. WE ASSUME SALIM'S
ANNOUNCEMENT REFERS TO THIS INCIDENT, BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED
HE GAVE NO CLUE AS TO TIME OF ROUND-UP WAS MADE. HIS AND MUSA
SABRI'S ACCUSATION OF FOREIGN DIRECTION(READ LIBYA)
REPRESENTS CONTINUING ATTCKS AGAINST TRIPOLI, INTERESTING IN
VIEW OF MININFO'S AHAM ARTICLE JUNE 3, COUNSELING MODARATION

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